

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 22, 2012

6:00 P.M. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Spratt. Following the pledge of allegiance Reverend McGrath gave the opening prayer.

Roll call was taken, in attendance were Councilmembers Adams, Cephas, Durham and Henry, and also in attendance were Mayor Spratt and Clerk Avery.

Approval of the minutes of the October 9th regular meeting was called for; Councilman Cephas made motion to approve the minutes with a second by Councilman Adams. The minutes were approved all in favor with none opposed, 4 to 0. Motion was made to approve the Agenda by Councilman Durham and seconded by Councilman Henry and passed all in favor with none opposed, 4 to 0.

Mayor Spratt reported that Trick or Treat for Halloween will be held this year on October 31st between 6 and 8 P.M. Acceptable ages for Trick or Theaters' is 12 years old or younger. The Mayor stated that the final figures for Fall Fest will be reported at the next Council Meeting. A lot of progress has already been made in the planning for the Christmas Parade. The Mayor reported that she and Clerk Avery had met with Fred West and Markus Miller from Amick earlier on the day; they said that the company is doing very well in town and would support the Christmas Parade.

County Councilman Rick Price gave his report; the biggest part of the last County Council meeting was a hearing regarding the Septic Bill. Many farmers and residents voiced their concerns over the bill; no vote was taken on the required mapping. In consideration of the capitol project plan the replacement of North Dorchester High School has been given more priority than renovation of South Dorchester Middle School. The first phase of planning and design will cost \$100,000. A five year study has shown a decline in oxygen in the Transquaking and Chickamacomico rivers. Mr. Price reported that the County Council meetings in November will be held on the 13th and 20th.

Mayor Spratt reported that she went to an economic symposium with Clerk Avery and the economic outlook for recovery over the next couple of years is not good.

Earl Murphy stated that antennas were install on fire hydrants in Federalsburg so they can be located in snow. This was a Eagle Scout project.

Councilman Cephas thanked Captain Henry for working with the youth in town. Mr. Cephas said that the upcoming presidential election has caused the people to be more divided than ever. Following the election people should work together for the country to go forward.

Jack Lewis asked why the Bay Fee has doubled, Clerk Avery responded the State has doubled the fee and the Town has no control over that fee. Clerk Avery also stated that an application for hardship exemption from that fee is being developed by the Town and will be available to the residents following approval by MDE.

The next Town meeting will Tuesday, November 13th following the observation of Veterans Day on Monday the 12th.

6:20 P.M. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted;


John Avery
Clerk/Treasurer

*approved in open
session 11/13/12
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